

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2291 - SB 2368

June 8, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes, from 14 to 21, the number of calendar days in which a hearing requested by a police officer who has been dismissed, demoted, suspended, or transferred for punitive reasons must be set following the request.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (018305): Adds language to the original bill to require each law enforcement agency to post its written policy prohibiting racial profiling on its website.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-8-305(a), a police officer who is dismissed, demoted, suspended or transferred for punitive reasons, may within a reasonable amount of time following such action, as set by the officer's agency, request a hearing. If such request is made in a timely manner, a hearing shall be held within a reasonable amount of time set by the agency. The hearing shall be set no later than 14 calendar days following the date of request, unless a later date is acceptable to the police officer.
- Increasing to timeframe by which a hearing is to be set by one week will not result in a significant impact to state or local government expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-1-503, each law enforcement agency is required to establish a written policy prohibiting racial profiling.
- Requiring the agencies to post said policy online or otherwise make the policy available for public review will not significantly impact state or local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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